Need for periodic health check-up of industrial workers

3357. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that many eminent experts from various medical institutions, who had participated in the "National Symposium on Occupational Symposium on Occupational Health and Radiology" held in Bhopal on 4th October, 1992 strongly pleaded for regular monitoring of the health of every industrial worker in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what actions Government propose to take to ensure the periodic health check-up of every industrial worker in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) Section 41 C of the Factories Act, 1948 provides for medical examination of every worker before such worker is assigned to a job involving the handling of, or working with, a hazardous substance, and while continuing in such job, and after he has ceased to work in such job at intervals not exceeding twelve months. The responsibility for compliance with this provision lies with the 'Occupier' of the Factory.

"मृगनयनी" के मृत कर्मचारियों के दावेदारों को भविष्य निधि की राशियों का भुगतान

3358. **श्री राम तरेश यादव** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली स्थित मध्य प्रदेश स्टेट एम्पोरियम "मृगनयनी" में सेवा के दौरान मृत्यु को प्राप्त हुए कर्मचारियों के मामलों में उनके परिवारों के सदस्यों के दावेदारों को भविष्य निधि राशि और अन्य निधियों का भुगतान कर दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) मृत कर्मचारियों के परिवारजनों/दावेदारों को ये भुगतान कब तक कर दिए जाने की आशा है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Exempting New Industrial Units from the purview of labour laws

3359. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Mnister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been receiving feelers from the industry/trade circles for exempting new industrial units for a period of seven years from the purview of Industrial dispute Act/Labour Laws;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and as non-negotiable in unequivocal terms and not to succumb to the evertures of the vested interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बाल श्रमिकों संबंधी कानूनों का उल्लंघन

3360. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 14 वर्ष से कम आयु के बालकों से काम लिए जाने पर रोक के बावजूद ऐसे बालकों से काम कराया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच नहीं है कि सरकारी कानून इस प्रथा पर रोक लगाने में असफल रहे हैं; और

(घ) बाल श्रम का प्रतिबंध करने वाले कानूनों के तहत पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान राज्यवार कितने-कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध मुकदमे चलाये गये ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) से (ग) 14 वर्ष से कम आयु के बालकों को रोजगार में लगाने पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध नहीं है । तथापि, विभिन्न कानूनों के अंतर्गत कतिपय क्षेत्रों में बाल श्रमिकों के नियोजन को प्रतिषिद्ध किया गया है । सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सामाजिक-आर्थिक बाध्यताओं के कारण रोजगार कतिपय प्रतिषिद्ध क्षेत्रों में भी बाल श्रमिकों को नियोजित किया जा रहा है ।

(घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Recommendations of Central Advisory Committee on Cine Workers Welfare Fund

3361. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Advisory Committee on Cine Workers' Welfare Funds has taken a number of policy decisions in recent past including levy on films from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 20,000 per film;

(b) if so, what are the details of each such decision alongwith background and justification therefor;

(c) whether Government have received a representation that 20 times increase in levy on film will adversely affect the film producers;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) what are the total collection of funds for the Western Region and actual utilisation till 31st December, 1992; and

(f) what are the steps taken by Government to provide assistance to the Indian Film Industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The Central Advisory Committee on Cine Workers Welfare Fund is only a recommendatory body on matters referred to it by the Central Government. In the meeting of the Central Advisory Committee on Cine Workers Welfare Fund held on 17-7-1992, the Committee *inter-alia* considered the question of enhancing the rate of cess per feature film but no unanimous recommendation was made.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Though a Bill has been introduced in the Lok Sabha to spend the Cine Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1981 to provide for the maximum levy of Rs. 20,000/- as cess per feature film, this does not mean that every feature film will uniformly have to pay Rs. 20,000/- as cess. The proposed amendment is meant to enable the Government to raise the rate of cess by Notification instead of having to amend the Act on every such occasion. The actual increase of the rate of cess would be done in consultation with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and would be governed by the requirement of funds to meet the cost of extending welfare facilities to cine workers.

(e) After the transfer of the Welfare Fund from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the total revenue receipts and expenditure in the Western region upto December, 1992 is 11.13 lakhs and Rs. 2.30 lakhs respectively.

(f) Cinema is a State Subject. However, the Union Government have from time to time studied the growth and problems of this sector. Necessary steps are taken by the Government on the basis of recommendations made by various Committees/ Groups etc. In the recent past a High Powered Committee has studied the problems of the film industry in its entirety